(d) and (e) Bank Note printing presses are importing paper for printing of bank notes as the indigenous production capacity is not sufficient to meet the requirement.

Implementation of right to free education

*260. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to give right to free education for the children from 6 to 14 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such right will be given to the children?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Article 21A, as inserted by the Constitution (Eighty-Sixth Amendment) Act, 2002, provides for free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of six to fourteen years as a Fundamental Right in such manner as the State may, by law, determine.

Consequently, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Bill, 2008, has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill, *inter-alia*, provides that every child in the age group of six to fourteen years shall have the right to free and compulsory education in a neighbourhood school till completion of elementary education.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Technical faults in planes

†1796. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the planes are not in service due to technical faults;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these planes have been grounded due to technical reasons and are not in operation; and

(d) the specific reasons therefor and losses being incurred to airlines as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) No aircraft with technical fault is put into service. The aircraft are grounded due to various technical reasons such as snags, foreign object damage/bird hit, ground incidents, non-availability of spares etc. Government does not maintain separate record of losses incurred by airlines due to grounding of aircraft due to technical fault.

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